
1884.

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD
REPORTS.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF STRAFFORD,
TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORTS OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY FARM, TREASURER, JAILER,
PHYSICIAN, SOLICITOR, SHERIFF AND CLERK
OF THE COURTS,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1884.

DOVER, N. H. :
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COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE GENERAL LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The County Convention shall consist of the representatives of the towns of the county. They shall meet on the second Wednesday of the June session of the General Court, or other day in the same week, shall choose a chairman and clerk, and may adjourn as they see cause.

The County Convention shall appoint two auditors biennially, one each from the two leading political parties, for the two years next following, whose duty it shall be to examine the accounts of the County Commissioners and County Treasurer, &c.

The County Commissioners shall furnish said Auditors all the aid and information required by them in the performance of their duties, and shall recommend to the County Convention the sum necessary to be raised for the county for each of the two years ensuing, stating in detail the objects and purposes for which the money is to be appropriated and applied.

The County Convention for each county shall, during the session of the Legislature, raise or grant a county tax for its county for two years ; but the tax for each year shall be voted separately for that year, and shall be collected for the year in which it was voted.

The sheriff, the jailer, the physician, the clerk of the court, the solicitor, the treasurer, the county commissioners, and the superintendent of the county farm, of each county, shall make up their reports, separately, to May first, annually, and the

same shall be printed together in pamphlet form, in said month of May, and said reports shall be distributed as now provided by law.

The reports of the several officers named shall contain a summarized account of all their transactions which concern the county, for the current year ending as aforesaid, and the report of the superintendent of the county farm shall contain, in addition, a list of the paupers actually supported at the farm, and the number of weeks each was so supported; and also, a statement of the average cost per week for each pauper, with an explanation of the basis upon which said calculation was made.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the People of Strafford County:—

The Commissioners of Strafford County herewith submit their report for the year ending April 30th, 1884, together with the reports of the Superintendent of the County Farm, Treasurer, Chaplain, Physician, Solicitor, Jailer, Sheriff, and Clerk of the Court.

The present Board entered upon their duties July 2d, 1883, consequently the affairs of the county have been under their direction and management for the past ten months only.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the county is extremely satisfactory, as will be seen from the following statement:

Bonds outstanding.....	\$100,000.00
Notes “ 	600.00
	\$100,600.00
Deduct cash in Treasury.....	28,706.04
Debt as shown by Treasurer's report.....	\$71,893.96
To this should be added the Commissioners' Warrants outstanding (drawn during the year but not presented to the Treasurer for payment) as follows:	
Young Brothers.....	2.90
Wm. E. Waterhouse.....	292.00

Chas. H. Horton.....	1.00
B. F. Rackley.....	12.13
J. S. Abbott.....	6.00
Frank Willey.....	48.00
Court Warrant.....	12.40
Coupons unpaid.....	42.00
Amount due, and unpaid, on Court Pay Roll..	65.91
Making net debt at date of this Report.....	\$72,376.30
Decrease for the year.....	11,726.55

There are no bills outstanding against the county to our knowledge.

None of the bonded debt becomes due until December 1st, 1886, at which time five thousand dollars mature, and a further sum of twenty five thousand dollars of six per cent. bonds, due December 1st, 1891, may be called in.

From present indications of the probable state of the finances at that time, we are of the opinion that the entire amount of thirty thousand dollars can be retired without any extra appropriation.

For a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, you are referred to the report of the Treasurer.

COUNTY FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

The total County Farm expense has been \$16,952.56, the receipts from the farm amount to \$2,741.84, making the net expense \$14,210.72.

The dullness of business generally and particularly in manufacturing communities, has increased our weekly average of inmates.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. T. Wentworth have continued as Superintendent and Matron at the County Farm during the past year, and have managed the affairs of the institution with a due regard to economy and discipline among the inmates.

The system of steam heating at the almshouse has been the source of much discussion, not only at the various County Conventions, but throughout the county generally. It was put in by the Somersworth Machine Company at the time the building was built. During the winter of 1882 and '83 it was in full operation for the first time. It did not work satisfactorily. The attention of the County Convention, which met at the Farm July 30, 1883, was called to the matter; the various defects of the system pointed out, remedies and improvements suggested, and finally the Commissioners were directed to engage an expert mechanic and engineer to make a thorough examination of the entire system and apparatus, and report at an adjourned meeting of the Convention to be held at Concord. An expert of acknowledged ability and experience was engaged, who, after having made a careful inspection, reported that the boilers could not be made to heat the building and recommended that they be taken out and those of some other manufacture substituted. The Convention, after much discussion, urged that the apparatus be given one more trial, but in case it could not be made a success, authorize the Commissioners to replace it, at a cost not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars. Double windows were placed on the north side of the whole building and west side of the women's wing, and weather doors on the exposed sides of the house. A competent fireman was employed from November 1st to April 1st, who had entire charge of the boilers. As a result of the improvements we have only this to say, that the steam heating apparatus is entirely satisfactory, that it does heat the building, that fifty tons of coal less were used this winter than the year before, making a saving of three hundred dollars, and that an examination of the record of the temperature, taken by the watchman four times a day during the months of November, December, January, February and March, which appears in the report of the Superintendent, will convince every one that nothing more need be said on the subject.

The stock on the farm has much improved during the year. All the old cattle have been exchanged for younger and better ones, or otherwise disposed of. We look for a continued improvement the coming year.

The Superintendent's report sets forth in detail the number and names of the inmates and the cost of their support, the productions of the farm, the amount of stock, and other information of interest to the tax-payers of the county.

We wish to make mention of the faithful service and great interest taken by Rev. I. W. Beard, the chaplain at the farm. Under his direction, and through his instrumentality, religious services have been held at the farm every Sunday afternoon. Mr. Beard also has supervision of the day school, which has been taught very successfully by Miss Minnie Merserve. The average attendance has been twenty-seven.

Rev. Father Murphy, and the Sisters of Charity connected with the Parochial School at Dover, have also held occasional services Sunday forenoon. No compulsion is exercised in bringing the inmates under Biblical instruction, and no restraint laid upon them in the enjoyment of long cherished religious opinions. We invite your considerate attention to the report of the Chaplain.

In accordance with the vote of the Convention a watchman was engaged August 29th, 1883, and has been on duty every night since, as an extra precaution against fire and consequent loss of life and property.

The water supply, both for culinary and fire purposes, continues abundant.

The medical treatment of all departments of the institution has been under the supervision of Drs. Smith & Chamberlain, who have been unremitting in their attention to the wants and needs of the inmates. Their report will set forth more fully the sanitary condition and needs of the institution.

Comfortable homes have been provided for four children during the year.

The young ladies who projected and carried into successful execution the New Year's celebration, to the great pleasure and enjoyment of all, both old and young, are held in kind remembrance.

The insurance on the County Farm property amounts to thirty-nine thousand dollars, as follows: on alms-house, \$24,221; on contents of alms-house, \$4,279; on out-buildings and contents, \$8,005; on insane asylum, \$2,500.

INSANE ASYLUM.

The sum of twenty-five hundred dollars was appropriated by the County Convention for the improvement and enlargement of the Insane Asylum. Previous to the building of this addition, every cell was occupied, and several inmates, who ought properly to have been confined here, had to be accommodated in the main house, much to the discomfort of the other inmates of the house, and their own inconvenience. A two-story addition, thirty feet square, has been built on the north side of the Asylum, with accommodations for eighteen patients. The stairs, leading to the second story, which were in the centre of the building, have been removed, and new flights with towers have been erected at both ends of the buildings, outside, providing an easy escape in case of fire. This department of the farm is in successful operation. The inmates are well cared for, warmed, clothed, and fed, but the facilities for bathing and other sanitary conveniences, are not up to the requirements of the times. We trust the Convention will remedy these defects in the near future, in order that this most unfortunate class of God's creatures—the insane poor—may receive the care and treatment their condition demands, and a humane and christian community is willing to accord them. There are now thirty-four inmates, with accommodations for eighteen more. The labor on the Asylum was performed by the day, under the superintendence of the Chairman of the Board. The entire cost of these improvements has been \$2,488.28.

JAIL.

Mr. Charles R. Meserve, the keeper of the Jail, has been efficient in his duties and attentive to the wants of the prisoners. We are of the opinion that if the inmates of the Jail, as well as the prisoners sent to the County Farm from the Police Courts, could be furnished with employment of some nature, quite a revenue would result to the County. We have already received offers for the employment of our prisoners, but there is no suitable place in which to carry on the business mentioned, that of making cane chair seats.

PAUPERS AWAY FROM THE FARM.

The sum of \$7,789.13 has been spent for the support of paupers away from the farm. The change in the law made at the last session of the Legislature, classes, as County paupers, all persons seeking aid who have not gained a residence since 1870. This must, of necessity, increase our pauper account materially. We must urge upon the Overseers of the Poor and Selectmen of the various towns a rigid investigation and strict examination of all applicants for assistance in this direction.

REINDEXING THE RECORDS.

The reindexing of the records in the Registry of Deeds office, commenced last year, has been continued at an expense of three hundred and eighteen dollars.

We would extend to all citizens of the County an earnest invitation to visit the County Farm at any time, and ascertain by personal examination and inquiry, whether your affairs are being honestly and faithfully administered by the stewards you have placed in charge.

RALPH HOUGH, Dover,
JOHN I. HUCKINS, Farmington,
W. E. WATERHOUSE, Barrington,
Commissioners of Strafford County.

COUNTY FARM.

Estimated value of farm, buildings and fixtures,
 May 1, 1884..... \$50,000

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Live Stock—8 oxen.....	\$720	
1 bull.....	150	
20 cows.....	1,150	
4 horses.....	800	
2 heifers.....	80	
1 calf.....	10	
23 sheep.....	184	
21 lambs.....	105	
1 buck.....	50	
36 hogs.....	720	
34 pigs.....	136	
54 hens.....	40.50	
7 turkeys.....	21	
Live Stock.....	4,166	50
Carriages, harnesses, and farming tools.....	1,435	61
Hay and grain.....	850	20
Coal, wood and lumber.....	1,268	
Manure.....	1,502	
Groceries and provisions.....	1,222	52
House furniture, crockery, bedding and utensils.....	4,733	60
Clothing and materials.....	610	53
Miscellaneous.....	1,478	27
Total personal property.....	\$17,267	23

RECEIPTS BY SUPERINTENDENT.

1883.

May 2	3 pigs, Clarke & Morrison.....	\$15 00	
	Haul. 30 6-8 cords wood, Little- field & Wentworth.....	30 75	
7	For hay, L. Ricker.....	5 00	
	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
8	2 Pigs, Mary E. Foye.....	9 00	
10	3 bush. barley, S. Wentworth....	3 00	
14	1 pig, Moses Bickford.....	7 00	
16	Pigs, Manahan.....	5 00	
	2 pigs, Wm. Card.....	12 00	
18	1 pig, A. S. Webber.....	4 50	
25	2 pigs, Ellen Roach.....	11 00	
28	1 pig, Joseph Miller.....	4 00	
	1 pig, George Bradley.....	4 00	
29	1 pig, I. Tebbetts.....	7 00	
	1 pig, T. Henderson.....	8 50	
		—	131 75
June 2	1 pig, Everett.....	4 00	
	1 pig, S. G. Ladd.....	4 00	
3	Check, R. R. Burnham.....	11 00	
4	2 pigs, J. T. G. Tuttle.....	8 00	
12	2 pigs, H. Haley.....	8 00	
18	Pension of Benjamin Towle.....	25 60	
	2 pigs, Thomas Spurling.....	8 00	
20	2 pigs, L. O. Tebbetts.....	8 00	
25	30 lbs. gal. iron, S. A. Seavey...	2 10	
30	3 7-9 bush. barley, S. A. Seavey.	3 40	
	2 pigs, oats & barley, C. Littlefield	19 86	
	1 bush. potatoes, G. Lyman.....	1 00	
	Check on Barrington, board G. O. Emerson.....	45 02	
		—	147 98

July 12	57 5-8 bush. potatoes, R. Haley.	52 05	
14	Board, Luther Lord.....	16 00	
	1 pig, John Howard.....	5 50	
20	4 pigs, John Gorman.....	15 00	
21	1 pig, E. B. Gordon.....	6 00	
27	1 pig, M. Rollins.....	5 00	
	—		99 55
Aug. 2	1 hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	3 85	
3	2 pigs, W. Fernald.....	10 00	
4	1 pig, James B. Stanton.....	4 50	
9	2 pigs, A. McQuaid.....	8 00	
	Use of Scales, E. Ham.....	10	
	“ “ Eli Page.....	10	
13	Tallow, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	30 36	
16	Use of Scales, Geo. Watson.....	10	
	“ “ J. Hayes.....	10	
20	2 pigs, G. F. Marston.....	10 00	
21	1 pig, W. J. Bell.....	4 00	
22	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
	1 year old bull, E. Smith.....	20 00	
23	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	3 57	
25	Board, Luther Lord.....	14 00	
31	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	4 85	
	—		119 53
Sept. 6	1 pig, E. Kimball.....	4 50	
14	Milk, Fair.....	2 00	
	Going to Dover.....	50	
15	2 pigs, John Valley.....	12 00	
	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	4 16	
24	4 pigs, O. Varney.....	25 00	
	1 pig, John Hurd.....	7 00	
27	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	3 00	
28	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
	—		64 16

Oct. 4	2 Hides, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	\$8 13	
4	1 Yoke oxen, Joseph Nutter.....	188 00	
5	Use of boar, Richardson.....	1 00	
13	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
16	1 Pig, S. Seavey.....	3 00	
17	1 Pig, G. Bradford.....	7 00	
18	2 Pigs, J. H. Hammond.....	6 00	
20	2 pigs, A. T. Locke.....	7 00	
26	1 pig, Dana Berry.....	7 00	
26	1 pig, Marston Brock.....	3 00	
27	Hides, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	7 00	
30	1 pig, E. Wentworth.....	3 00	
31	Use of scales, D. Meader.....	50	
		—	\$246 63
Nov. 1	2 pigs, C. C. Dame.....	6 00	
	2 pigs, G. S. Goodwin.....	6 00	
2	Use of scales, D. Locke.....	10	
5	2 pigs, W. P. Stanton.....	7 00	
6	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	5 02	
9	1 pig, Waldron Ham.....	3 00	
10	2 pigs, A. B. Locke.....	6 50	
	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
14	Use of boar, John Hall.....	1 00	
	Hide, E. G. & E. Wallace.....	2 92	
16	1 pig, Edwin Berry.....	3 00	
22	35 bbls. at .15, Joseph Seavey...	5 25	
26	4 pigs, G. A. Bickford.....	14 00	
28	2 pigs. Tobias Roberts.....	8 00	
	2 calves, A. B. Locke.....	30 00	
	3 pigs, H. Felker.....	11 00	
	2 pigs, N. C. Hobbs.....	7 00	
		—	121 79
Dec. 3	Pigs and onions, W. E. Waterhouse.....	16 00	

Dec. 5	1 hog, I. P. Berry.....	\$20 00	
6	Use of scales, Eli Page.....	20	
	2 pigs, E. Ham.....	6 00	
6	2 pigs, J. I. Griffin.....	8 00	
8	2 pigs, L. S. Priest.....	16 50	
	2 pigs, W. F. Holmes.....	9 00	
12	1 cow, I. B. Hill.....	40 00	
13	Use of scales, J. Wentworth.....	10	
17	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00	
	2 pigs, M. S. Houston.....	8 50	
19	Use of boar, W. S. Hayes.....	1 00	
	12 pigs, G. F. Marston.....	42 50	
22	Use of boar, M. V. B. Felker....	1 00	
	Bush. onions, Fred Tibbetts.....	80	
	2 bu. onions and turkey, R. Hough	4 05	
24	Hide, J. S. Bailey.....	3 60	
31	Use of boar, Daniel Swain.....	1 00	
	Board, Geo. O. Emerson.....	6 00	
	—		190 25
1884.			
Jan. 7	3 hides, E. G. & E. Wallace....	\$15 41	
11	Board, Luther Lord.....	18 00	
14	1 pig, Geo. Lyman.....	4 00	
17	2 pigs, M. Brewster.....	6 00	
23	2 pigs, F. Vittum.....	12 00	
29	2 hides, E. G. & E. Wallace....	7 73	
31	Board, M. Tanner.....	12 00	
	—		75 14
Feb. 6	413 bush. potatoes, G. A. Wiggins	144 55	
12	3 hides, E. G. & E. Wallace....	12 35	
16	Board, Luther Lord.....	16 50	
18	Wool.....	32 25	
	Use of bull, G. Meader.....	1 00	
	“ “ W. T. Wentworth..	1 00	
	—		207 15

Mar. 3	Board, Eliza Dow.....	17 00
13	Cash, screenings, I. B. Williams.	8 16
14	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00
18	Board, E. Tolman.....	43 75
21	2 calves, Samuel Page.....	4 00
22	1 pig, Joel Holmes.....	4 00
	1 calf, J. Burnham.....	6 75
24	Use of Scales, E. Page.....	20
25	Use of bull, H. Corson.....	1 00
29	Use of bull, F. Varney.....	1 00

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April 1	Use of bull, H. Corson.....	1 00
	Coat and boots, John Hobbs...	8 25
2	Board, M. Tanner.....	6 00
9	1 Calf, J. Hall.....	8 00
	Use of bull.....	1 00
11	Board, A. T.....	5 00
16	Buck, W. P. Stanton.....	6 00
	Buck, E. Sargent.....	3 50
	Heifer, Dana Berry.....	15 00
	Cow, calves & pigs, J. I. Huckins.	69 40
	395 bush potatoes, A. L. Furber.	138 25
21	2 pigs, J. Hurd.....	7 50
22	Use of bull, J. Watson.....	1 00
	Board, Eliza Dow.....	7 00
23	Board, Luther Lord.....	53 14
24	Board, G. Gerrish.....	31 50
	2 calves, H. Vyth.....	8 00
	Use of scales, M. Meader.....	20
25	Board and clothes, A. Yeldon...	196 69
	Board, E. Blackmar.....	3 64
26	Board, J. Ryan.....	12 21
	Board, M. Beede.....	28 50
28	Use of scales, A. Jenness.....	05

April 28	Pigs and wheels, R. Hough.....	\$ 9 00	
	Bill, calves, sheep and flour, W. T. Wentworth.....	57 00	
29	Board, A. T.....	3 00	
	Use of scales, Eli Page.....	10	
	Tallow, E. G. & E. Wallace....	13 05	
30	Board, H. Hartford.....	113 36	
	Labor, highway.....	90 15	
	Lambs and calves, E. C. Berry..	56 71	
			951 20
	Amount received during the year.....	\$2,446 99	
	“ paid out “	208 27	
	Balance.....	\$2,238 72	

PAYMENTS BY SUPERINTENDENT.

1883.

May 1	Shoeing horse, Brock.....	65
	Crystal Cleaner.....	25
8	2 bush potatoes, F. Varney.....	2 50
2	“ “ “ “	2 00
2	“ “ I. Varney.....	2 50
12	Masonry, R. R. Burnham.....	11 00
13	Returning A. Yeldon, Marshal...	1 50
	Labor, G. W. Bell.....	1 50
14	Postage stamps.....	1 00
17	Tape Line.....	18
21	Repairing butter worker.....	40
	Shearing sheep, Isaac Brown.....	2 38
23	1 bush. seed corn.....	3 50

May 24	1-4 bush. seed corn, Chas. Hayes	\$ 52	
	Seed corn, Natt Horne.....	1 00	
		—	30 61
June 7	Postage stamps.....	1 00	
	Cabbage and tomato plants, J. M. Hayes.....	2 00	
12	Plants, Charles Davis.....	1 70	
20	4 bush. potatoes, A. Baker.....	4 00	
25	Paper wrappers.....	28	
30	Bal. of bill, 1882, Freeman Babb	2 16	
		—	11 14
July 2	Telephone expense, George C. Carter.....	10	
	Newspaper, State Press.....	3 00	
3	Funeral expense, Dr. McColleston	2 00	
	“ “ of June 18 “	2 00	
4	Sections and rivets for mowing machine, A. G. Haley.....	3 45	
9	Plow point, May 8, Varney.....	75	
21	Freight bill, Eastern R. R.....	1 26	
	Mending key, E. Smart.....	10	
		—	12 66
Aug. 2	Mending barber chair.....	50	
	Freight bill, Eastern R. R.....	2 57	
9	2 1-4 doz. eggs, Eli Page.....	50	
	8 doz. eggs, S. Wentworth.....	1 76	
14	Postage stamps.....	1 00	
		—	6 33
Sept 15	2 bush. Salt, E. G. Nowell.....	90	
		—	90
Oct. 5	Postage stamps.....	1 00	
6	Postal cards.....	50	

Oct. 8	Yoke and bows, Walter Varney..	\$5 50	
			7 00
Nov 14	J. Shackleton, per bill.....	1 65	
22	Mirror and Farmer.....	1 00	
27	Car fare, inmates, city election..	68	
	Dinners at Newmarket, P. Farley and boy.....	1 50	
			4 83
Dec. 7	6 goads, Joseph Jacobs.....	1 25	
11	Toll across Eliot bridge.....	16	
13	Postage stamps.....	50	
25	Car fare to Dover, J. Grimes....	15	
31	1½ doz. eggs, Eli Page.....	45	
1	“ “ J. Y. McDuffee....	30	
			2 81
1884.			
Jan 2	Expenses to Gt Falls, Holbrook	50	
25	Silver polish.....	1 00	
26	Railroad tickets.....	1 05	
28	Boar, J. N. Wentworth.....	15 00	
			17 55
Feb 15	1 doz. axe helves.....	1 20	
			1 20
Mar 13	Belting, I. B. Williams.....	3 75	
22	2 turkeys, Joel Holmes.....	4 00	
27	Belting, I. B. Williams.....	1 75	
28	Express on shoes, Lawrence.....	25	
29	Express on Bibles, I. W. Beard..	40	
	2 railroad tickets.....	30	
			10 45
April 7	Express on pigs. American Express	3 60	
	Carting pigs, J. Grover.....	1 25	
16	Post Office box.....	25	

April 16	Drag plank, wheel box, and corn,		
	J. I. Huckins.....	\$	4 50
	Pigs, R. W. Soule.....		35 00
22	Fare to Boston, E. McVeigh....		2 00
	Eggs, W. Card.....		69
	Express per bill.....		40
23	Repairing plow, J. Varney.....		6 50
	Onion seed, W. H. Hill.....		1 75
25	Fare to Rochester and dinner...		90
	Cash paid inmates during year...		45 95
			102 79
	Amount paid out during year.....		\$208 27

REPORT

OF THE

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT.

PRODUCTS OF THE FARM FOR THE YEAR 1883, THE WEIGHTS
AND QUANTITIES BEING ESTIMATED.

Hay	130 tons.
Rowen	5
Barley straw	10
Oat Straw	10
Rye Straw	3
Corn Fodder	40
Cabbage	2 1-2
Squash	1
Pumpkins	5
Corn	600 bush.
Sweet corn	35
Potatoes	2000
Beets for table	50
Beets for cattle	100
Onions	125
Beans	15
Green beans	25
Green peas	35
Tomatoes	20
Cucumbers	75

Turnips.....	40 bush.
Parsnips.....	30
Oats.....	98
Barley.....	134
Rye.....	38
Apples, No. 1.....	70 bbls.
Apples, No. 2.....	30

OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE FARM.

Pigs.....	183
Calves.....	17
Lambs.....	24
Eggs.....	320 doz.
Butter.....	2300 lbs.
Poultry.....	275
Lamb.....	45
Veal.....	164
Beef.....	754
Pork.....	7642

DAILY AVERAGE OF THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ALMSHOUSE
FOR FIVE MONTHS.

These averages are obtained from a record kept by the watchman, and taken every day at the hours of 6 a. m., noon, 6 p. m., and midnight. The average for each day is found, and the aggregate of the averages divided by the number of days in the month will give the average daily temperature for that month.

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Men's wing,	73.30	70.80	72.20	71.67	74.64
Main house,	72.80	71.29	68.46	71.43	70.67
Women's wing,	75.3	75.16	73.83	74.30	75

PAUPERS BOARDED AT THE FARM.

BARRINGTON.

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks. Days.</i>	
33	Avery, Mark.....	18	
22	Danforth, Katurah.....	52	1
22	Emerson, Geo. O.....	12	4
65	Hall, Phoebe.....	52	1
6	Howard, Bertha.....	11	3
12	Howard, Charles.....	11	3
inf	Howard, Daniel.....	11	3
3	Howard, Elizabeth.....	14	1
63	Howard, Emery.....	18	1
28	Howard, Emma.....	11	3
10	Howard, Ernest.....	11	3
2	Howard, Harry.....	11	3
25	Howard, John W.....	8	2
5	Howard, Joseph.....	14	1
39	Howard, Martha.....	14	1
76	Howard, Nancy.....	23	4
5	Howard, Stephen.....	11	3
79	Kenney, Lavina.....	26	4
41	Leathers, Huldah.....	52	1
44	Page, Maria.....	21	
24	Shoey, Lilla.....	52	1
46	Swain, Dudley.....	52	1
59	Twombly, William.....	52	1
18	Wiley, Charles.....	20	
		583	3

DOVER.

24	Adams, Henry.....	2	2
23	A. T.....	4	1

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
45	Ashton, James.....	7	3
60	Baker, Mary E.....		6
80	Beede, Moses.....	19	
4	Berrett, John W.....	9	5
70	Boyd, Alexander.....		2
8	Bollo, John W.....	52	1
52	Campbell, John.....	27	3
23	Canney, William.....	3	6
43	Casey, Michael.....	52	1
19	Cassidy, Edward.....	52	1
19	Cassidy, Charles.....	14	
38	Cassily, Patrick.....	2	4
39	Chamberlin, Charles.....	52	1
57	Conley, James.....	27	2
42	Conley, James.....		4
5	Conley, Alice.....	6	
8	Conley, John.....	6	
7	Conley, Lizzie 2d.....	6	
31	Conley, Lizzie.....	3	1
10	Conley, Mary.....	6	
31	Corson, Emma.....	52	1
4	Cowen, Arthur.....	47	5
28	Cowen, Bridget.....	47	5
Inf.	Cowen, Francis.....	5	5
9	Cowen, Lizzie.....	47	5
28	Cowen, William.....	41	1
2	Davis, Edward.....	52	1
33	Davis, Eliza.....	52	1
9	Davis, Fred.....	52	1
15	Davis, John.....	20	4
41	Davis, Manley.....		3
67	Davis, Lydia.....	52	1
48	Davis, Samuel.....	52	1
18	Davis, William.....	47	2

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
44	Drew, Harrison.....	5	3
26	Duffee, Catherine.....	52	1
63	Ellison, Abraham.....	52	1
62	Farley, Patrick.....	52	1
40	Flarherty, Patrick.....	14	2
53	French, John A.....	52	1
42	Gale, Daniel.....	52	1
20	Gero, Robert.....		4
9	Grant, Fred T.....	52	1
16	Grant, Hattie.....	7	4
34	Grant, Isaiah.....	52	1
43	Grant, Lucien.....	35	1
52	Gray, Almira.....	52	1
38	Greene, Jesse.....	22	6
67	Grimes, Catherine.....	52	
33	Grimes, John.....	34	1
64	Hartford, Hannah.....	52	1
31	Haughey, Susan.....	3	6
20	Hawkins, Abbie.....	52	1
1	Hawkins, Grace.....	52	1
57	Hawkins, Hannah.....	52	1
79	Hawkins, Mary.....	52	1
38	Hawkins, Mary A.....	52	1
17	Hayes, Dora.....	3	
35	Hayes, Elizabeth.....	52	1
Inf.	Hayes, Elizabeth 2d.....	34	
51	Hayes, Enoch.....	41	4
2	Hayes, Enoch Jr.....	52	1
4	Hayes, Esther.....	52	1
12	Hayes, Sarah.....	52	1
10	Hayes, Willie.....	52	1
2	Henson, John.....	9	1
3	Hawkins, Mabel.....	52	1
29	Holbrook, Josephine.....	34	6

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
70	Hilliard, Henry.....	32	3
39	Howard, Charles.....	6	5
7	Hughes, Annie.....	52	1
31	Hughes, Ellen.....	52	1
37	Hughes, Henry.....	52	1
9	Hughes, Henry Jr.....	52	1
5	Hughes, Pressa.....	52	1
67	Jones, William W.....	52	1
48	Kay, Patrick.....	42	2
	Kenny, Martha.....	52	1
28	Lane, Mary.....	42	
43	Lavine, Dominick.....	52	1
51	Legg, Luciene.....	11	1
74	Lord, Luther.....	52	1
64	Mahoney, Catherine.....	10	2
74	Mahoney, Thomas.....	25	1
38	Marden, Charles.....	14	5
7	Marden, Dennis.....	15	6
3	Marden, Frank.....	15	6
5	Marden, John.....	15	6
29	Marden, Margaret.....	15	6
1	Marden, Susie.....	15	6
81	Martin, Michael.....	52	1
75	Mealna, Rose.....		1
71	McCabe, Margaret.....	52	1
38	McCabe, Mary.....	34	1
37	McCone, Mary Ann.....	3	6
36	McDermott, Ann.....	23	1
30	McGuinness, Patrick.....	5	
55	McLaughlin, Michael.....	3	1
34	McVeagh, Edward.....	11	5
57	Meehan Catharine.....	52	1
40	Meehan, Frank.....	5	2
2	Meehan, James.....	52	1

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
6	Meehan, John.....	52	1
74	Merrill, Esther.....	52	1
8	Moore, Fred.....	17	5
27	Moore, Lena.....	17	5
6	Moore, Lizzie.....	17	5
21	Murphy, Michael.....	4	4
35	Newell, John.....		2
75	Nute, Isaac.....	23	2
60	O'Neil, Mary.....	1	3
36	O'Neil, William.....	48	2
67	Perkins, William.....		4
44	Pierce, Henry.....	10	4
71	Place, Leonard.....	13	4
47	Reed, James.....	2	1
35	Rowe, Frank.....	16	2
43	Rowe, Jesse.....	52	1
68	Ryan, John.....	8	1
52	Ryan, Maria.....	15	6
61	Ryan, Patrick.....	31	3
28	Scriggins, Frank.....	52	1
30	Simons, Addie M.....	3	2
2	Sloan, Mary E.....		3
4	Sullivan, John.....	50	5
59	Swift, William.....	14	2
78	Tanner, Mariam.....	41	1
18	Timmins, Owen.....	1	4
36	Tols, Richard.....	52	1
39	Toner, Owen.....	4	5
73	Tuttle, David.....	52	1
71	Tuttle, David "King".....	28	5
78	Watson, Christinia.....	52	1
68	Watson, Dudley.....	25	5
50	Warnock, Mary.....	3	5
9	Whitehouse, Emma.....	20	1

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
41	Whitehouse, Mark.....	30	3
40	Whitehouse, Nellie.....	20	1
61	Witham, Catharine.....	51	
		4186	5

DURHAM.

35	Chesley, William.....	21	
38	Davis, Alfred.....		1
78	Edgerly, Elijah.....	46	4
34	Meehan, Martha.....	52	1
39	Short, Augusta.....	29	
		148	6

FARMINGTON.

52	Carter, George C.....	6	3
52	Crosby, Christopher.....	52	1
85	Decater, Cornelius.....	49	3
26	Ham, Emma.....	5	6
Inf	Ham, Maude E.....	3	4
18	Jones, Ulysses.....	20	4
23	Lougee, Fred.....	3	2
3	McIntire, Mary E.....	5	6
32	Nutter, Mary.....	9	3
61	Palmer, Joseph.....	52	1
78	Tuttle, Mark.....	5	4
29	Wedgewood, Sylvanus.....	2	3
7	Wiley, Frank.....	52	1
		268	6

LEE.

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
37	Clay, Mary Jane.....	52	1
87	Dow, Eliza.....	24	6
60	Gerrish, George.....	21	
33	Wilson, Mary.....	52	1
		150	1

MADBURY.

68	Burnham, Winthrop.....	52	1
		52	1

MILTON.

72	Avery, John.....	20	
78	Bragdon, John.....	52	1
76	Hanscom, Ivory.....	52	1
17	Labonte, Henry.....	33	5
89	Tolman, Edward.....	33	6
50	Twindle, Nora.....	52	1
		215	5

ROCHESTER.

35	Ellis, Benjamin.....	8	
76	Hall, John.....	52	1
69	Henderson, Susan.....	52	1
70	Hickey, Sarah.....	13	6
38	Horney, Albert.....	8	4
27	Horne, John.....	5	5

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
65	Howard, Almira.....	52	1
65	Jenness, Melinda.....	52	1
21	Laflamme, Ardelle.....	52	1
85	Mason, Ellen.....	52	1
75	Miller, Jonathan.....	52	1
20	Page, Frank.....	52	1
72	Partridge, William.....	48	2
62	Pickering, Elizabeth.....	52	1
66	Pitman, Samuel.....	52	1
32	Sanborn, Ruth.....	52	1
71	Smith, Sarah A.....	52	1
4	Sweatt, Edith.....	24	6
8	Sweatt, Ernest.....	20	5
10	Sweatt, Lulie.....	13	3
6	Sweatt, Maud E.....	21	1
7	Sweatt, Haddie.....	11	4
35	Sweatt, Sarah E.....	24	6
44	Wentworth, Charles F.....	11	4
22	Willey, Emma.....	52	1
40	Yeldon, Austin.....	52	1
		942	4

 ROLLINSFORD.

29	Abbot, Charles F.....	4	1
28	Abbott, Julia.....	4	3
Inf.	Abbott, Lizzie.....	4	3
42	Carr, Ann.....	52	1
58	Keating, Ellen.....	52	1
66	McKenzie, John.....	6	5

SOMERSWORTH.

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
74	Berry, Ellen		2
70	Bickford, Hannah.....	52	1
22	Boucher, Philomene.....	12	6
Inf.	Boucher, Mary A.....		5
37	Brown, John.....	52	1
25	Card, Annie.....	6	2
5mo.	Clay, Flora Belle.....	3	1
24	Conant, Patrick.....	17	
63	Curtain, Margaret.....	52	1
27	Davis, George.....	52	1
45	Downie, Mary.....	52	1
14	Downie, Minnie.....	52	1
47	Durgin, Ann.....	23	
10	Durgin, Kate.....	23	
41	Elliott, James.....	52	1
35	Ellsworth, Elizabeth.....	52	1
31	Files, William J.....	52	1
3	Frost, Elmer J.....	52	1
12	Gero, Gustie.....	42	
40	Gero, Jane.....	30	
43	Hollar, Arthur.....	52	1
64	Joyce, Margaret.....	34	1
61	Jordan, Margaret.....	52	1
38	Leary, Timothy.....	52	1
81	McCarty, Nora.....	52	1
27	McIntire, Almeda.....	14	6
6	Nuttall, Edward.....	52	1
62	Nuttall, Susannah.....	52	1
	Pierce, Charles.....	2	1
44	Randall, John.....	52	1
23	Shea, Kate.....	2	4
60	Slottery, Fannie.....	47	5

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
22	Sullivan, Mary.....	50	5
76	Warren, Thomas.....	52	1
27	Webber, Elizabeth..	52	1
48	Webber, Mary Ann.....	52	1
62	White, Margaret.....	52	1
		1405	3

STRAFFORD.

55	Moriarty, John.....	1	
64	Nuttall, Abraham.....	6	1
77	Waldron, Daniel.....	47	2
		54	3

Number of weeeeks support furnished..... 8132 1

STATISTICS AT COUNTY FARM, MAY 1, 1884.

Number at Almshouse, May 1, 1883.....	145
“ admitted during year.....	183
Number born during year.....	6
“ died, discharged and deserted.....	164
“ number at Almshouse, May 1, 1884.....	166

AGES OF INMATES.

Under 5 years.....	16
Between 5 and 10.....	15
“ 10 “ 20.....	8
“ 20 “ 30.....	19
“ 30 “ 40.....	24
“ 40 “ 50.....	19
“ 50 “ 60.....	12
“ 60 “ 70.....	26
“ 70 “ 80.....	20
“ 80 “ 90.....	7
“ 90 100.....	0
	166

INSANE AND IDIOTIC.

Insane.....	33
Idiotic.....	36

NATIONALITIES.

Americans.....	84
Irish.....	69
English.....	4
French.....	5
Nova Scotian.....	2
Negro.....	1
Scotch.....	1
	166

SEXES.

Males.....	82
Females.....	84
	166

UNAVAILABLE FOR ANY LABOR.

Males.....	56
Females.....	64
	120

THE 183 ADMITTED ARE FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS AS FOLLOWS:

Barrington.....	26
Dover.....	105

Durham.....	4
Farmington.....	7
Lee.....	2
Madbury.....	0
Middleton.....	0
Milton.....	4
New Durham.....	0
Rochester.....	14
Rollinsford.....	3
Somersworth.....	15
Strafford.....	3
	183

THE 166 AT COUNTY FARM MAY 1, 1884, ARE FROM THE SEVERAL
TOWNS AS FOLLOWS :

Barrington.....	7
Dover.....	89
Durham.....	4
Farmington.....	5
Lee.....	4
Madbury.....	1
Milton.....	4
Middleton.....	0
New Durham.....	0
Rochester.....	20
Rollinsford.....	2
Somersworth.....	29
Strafford.....	1
	166

COST OF SUPPORTING PAUPERS ON THE FARM
FROM MAY 1, 1883, TO MAY 1, 1884.

DR.

To personal property on hand, May 1, 1883.....	\$13,784 99
“ expenditures for the year ending April 30, 1884.....	16,952 56
“ interest on valuation, 4 per cent. on \$50,000.....	2,000 00
	\$32,737 55

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By personal property on hand, May 1, 1884.....	\$17,267 23
“ receipts from Supt. paid Treas...	2,741 84
“ City of Dover, support of paupers	945 40
“ Rochester “ “	268 61
“ Somersworth “ “	384 51
“ Farmington “ “	209 37
	21,816 96
Actual cost.....	\$10,920 59

The number of weeks support furnished, 8,132 1-7; dividing \$10,920 59 by 8132 1-7, gives \$1.34 as the cost per week for support.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. WENTWORTH,

Superintendent.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

CHARLES S. CARTLAND, TREASURER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1883.....	\$21,797 15
Rec'd of Briggs & Shattuck for oil barrels...	20 79
Town of Farmington, board of prisoners.....	36 41
State Treasurer, amount deposited by P. & D. R. R., for land damages jail lot.....	1,000 00
W. T. Wentworth, for lumber.....	29 17
Geo. E. Durgin, fines and costs....	552 86
W. T. Wentworth, sale yoke of oxen	185 00
W. T. Wentworth, " "	170 00
W. T. Wentworth, sale of onions...	11 75
Somersworth, tax in full.....	6,974 23
Dover, " "	20,762 79
Rochester, " "	7,082 39
Milton, " "	1,410 83
Middleton, " "	315 08

Rec'd of New Durham, tax in full, ...	\$ 658 39
Lee " " 	1,034 61
Rollinsford, " " 	3,047 41
Madbury, " " 	738 34
Strafford, " " 	1,429 65
Farmington, " " 	3,023 89
Durham, " " 	1,928 14
Barrington, " " 	1,594 25
Dover, support of paupers.....	945 40
Rochester " " 	268 61
Somersworth " " 	384 51
Farmington " " 	209 37
Geo. E. Durgin, fines and costs....	447 95
W. T. Wentworth, cow sold.....	50 00
" " rec'd for board of paupers, and from sales of stock and produce.....	2,238 72
	\$78,347 69

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES AND BONDS PAID.

Strafford County Masonic Mutual Relief Association.....	\$2,000 00
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, K. of P.....	1,300 00
St. Thomas Episcopal Church.....	1,000 00
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, K. of P. in part...	136 00
" " " " " balance...	264 00
Bond No. 79, due December 1, 1886.....	200 00
" 80, " " 	200 00
" 81, " " 	200 00
Total.....	
	\$5,300 00

INTEREST PAID.

Strafford County Masonic Mutual Relief Association.....	\$100 00
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6. K. of P.....	65 00
St. Thomas Episcopal Church.....	50 00
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, K. of P.....	19 24
Coupons.....	4,491 00
Total.....	<u>\$4,725 24</u>

COUNTY FARM EXPENSES.

Walter F. Gage, for beef.....	\$31 14
Jason M. Goodwin, for beef.....	37 59
Edwin Wentworth, ".....	28 21
G. B. Haley, grain.....	78 07
J. E. Kimball & Son, fish.....	17 33
R. R. Burnham, labor.....	11 00
Briggs & Shattuck, grain.....	199 19
Wimpfheimer & Co., dry goods.....	56 21
Samuel Rackley, clothing.....	17 50
S. P. Horne, outside windows.....	5 25
J. B. Plummer & Co., brooms and tubs.....	16 75
Merrimack Chemical Company, oil of vitriol....	20 13
Jackson, Mandell & Daniell, dry goods.....	14 91
M. S. Ayer & Co., groceries.....	350 20
D. Foss & Son, grain.....	23 20
S. A. Seavey, hardware.....	285 43
J. H. Wheeler & Co., beef.....	76 83
Saville, Somes & Co., groceries.....	23 20
R. Haley & Co., coal.....	115 33
J. E. Kimball & Son, fish.....	15 75
E. G. & E. Wallace, shoes.....	36 00

H. J. Grimes, mattresses.....	\$20 00
D. Foss & Son, lumber.....	12 00
Sarah O. Brown, services as teacher.....	48 00
Hyde & Southworth, groceries.....	51 47
Mary Watson, labor at almshouse.....	32 00
Mary Downie. " " 	9 00
M. S. Brozier & wife, labor at farm.....	75 00
Robert Gero & mother, labor at Insane Asylum.	50 00
Ellen Varney, " almshouse.....	22 66
James Caton, " farm.....	32 00
Mary McCabe, " " 	9 00
Rochester Grange, grain.....	117 66
D. H. Wendell, insurance.....	7 50
John P. Lowell, groceries and crockery.....	29 28
Drs. Smith & Chamberlain, professional services to February 1, 1883.....	81 25
E. M. Swan, groceries.....	16 32
Foot & Snell, hardware.....	83 16
Boston & Maine railroad, freight.....	36 31
George Lyman, vinegar.....	7 00
Parshley & Walker, beef.....	27 00
Union Oil Company, soap stock.....	18 04
George W. Tash & Co., boots and shoes.....	44 57
George A. Waitt, rubber boots.....	31 20
George B. Haley, grain.....	227 05
Faxon & Churbuck, groceries.....	76 43
Cyrus Littlefield, sand.....	29 80
Briggs & Shattuck, groceries.....	65 77
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	730 00
W. E. Waterhouse, beef.....	33 05
J. A. Clough & Son, grain.....	124 72
Stephen Toppan, fish.....	34 92
J. H. Hurd & Son, boots and shoes.....	9 00
Samuel Rackley, clothing.....	7 50
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery.....	5 49

John P. Lowell, groceries.....	\$81 32
William Sterns & Co., dry goods.....	30 02
C. W. Wiggin & Son, furniture.....	62 80
Eastern Railroad Company, freight.....	4 46
Estate of W. P. Hayes, lumber.....	13 00
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	152 42
Lawrence Farm, buck for farm.....	50 00
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	82 26
Puffer, Sanborn & Co., blankets and clothing...	111 75
Briggs & Shattuck, groceries.....	13 83
William W. Meader, bull for farm.....	137 50
E. J. Fernald, beef.....	20 70
E. Judson Locke, threshing grain.....	16 77
Stephen Toppan, beef.....	32 00
John I. Huckins, 1 yoke oxen.....	150 00
Frank Young, beef.....	31 20
Othniel Varney, beef.....	22 45
Charles N. Seavey, pigs.....	23 00
C. Huntoon & Co., fish.....	14 25
B. F. Rackley, medicine.....	39 85
R. Haley & Co., coal.....	1,215 73
E. T. Trofitter, Jr., clothing.....	13 97
Converse & Wood, lumber.....	136 63
J. F. Seavey, pigs.....	38 00
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	56 59
George E. Varney, grain.....	111 42
Briggs & Shattuck, groceries.....	66 34
Rochester Grange No. 86, groceries.....	115 68
Somersworth Machine Company, piping.....	54 18
J. W. Roberts & Co., groceries.....	8 83
J. H. Wheeler & Co., beef.....	62 58
J. Kivel, attorney for B. S. Hodgkins, crackers..	10 15
W. H. Pike, lumber.....	20 61
Coleman & Cushing, groceries.....	27 13
W. E. Waterhouse, two yokes oxen.....	270 00

County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	\$143 54
W. E. Waterhouse, flour.....	13 00
R. Trefethen & Co., piping.....	3 92
Stephen Jenness, beef.....	31 98
Nathaniel Twombly, cattle.....	145 00
John I. Huckins, butter.....	26 72
A. S. Parshley, insurance, hay, &c.....	7 50
E. R. Young, beef.....	23 59
Boston & Maine railroad, freight.....	44 64
E. V. Brewster & Co., boots and shoes.....	18 16
Benjamin Dalton, dry goods.....	3 27
C. I. Chamberlin, butter.....	54 60
G. B. Haley, flour and grain.....	187 65
N. A. Jenness, beef.....	39 00
W. E. Waterhouse, beef.....	20 40
S. Wolf & Co., clothing.....	29 45
Leonard A. Treat, fish.....	26 15
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	106 96
Salinger Bros., dry goods.....	4 95
C. H. Trickey & Co., coal.....	28 41
“ “ “ lumber.....	41 43
William Sterns & Co., dry goods.....	37 70
George B. Wentworth, shoes.....	19 50
Stephen Toppan, fish.....	14 00
Geo. I. Jenness, beef.....	24 90
John W. Hall, beef.....	31 00
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	164 49
George E. Varney, grain.....	71 23
Edwin R. Young, turkeys.....	51 75
C. A. W. Clark, butter.....	25 81
Haskell & Adams, flour.....	781 25
C. H. Butterfield, butter.....	20 43
Beede & Shaw, windows.....	133 80
H. T. Brock, shoeing oxen.....	3 13
James M. Locke, beef.....	20 79

A. W. Foss, beef.....	\$20 40
Whitehouse & Pinkham, groceries.....	12 15
Wimpfheimer & Co , dry goods.....	20 87
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	22 75
Charles McLaughlin & Co., groceries.....	59 03
C. A. Tufts, insurance on barn.....	90 00
Charles W. Hayes, beef.....	31 60
W. H. Moore, dry goods.....	50 32
B. F. Hayes, beef.....	26 94
Cyrus Littlefield, beef.....	31 32
John Berry, butter.....	9 25
Robert J. Shaw, boots and shoes.....	12 75
G. H. Swain, beef.....	20 83
Samuel A. Locke, beef.....	23 76
U. S. & Canada Express, express on sheep.....	2 50
H. F. Cater, beef.....	19 50
D. Foss & Son, grain.....	9 45
Ed. Wentworth, beef.....	21 85
Samuel Rackley, clothing.....	6 50
C. L. Jenness, hardware.....	51 61
Samuel H. Hull, beans.....	18 00
W. M. Courser, groceries.....	17 20
J. H. Wheeler & Co., lard.....	29 58
L. Beach, Jr. & Co., soap.....	28 51
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery.....	10 10
B. Frank Nealley, dry goods.....	36 52
John T. W. Ham, hats and caps.....	64 87
A. E. Parker, dry goods.....	28 69
Dover Clothing Company, clothing.....	6 50
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	121 16
John C. Tasker, tea.....	15 84
John McArdle, coffins.....	37 00
Ira W. Nute & Co., dry goods.....	84 78
W. G. Bradley, boots and shoes.....	67 78
Charles McLaughlin & Co., groceries.....	60 97

Union Oil Company, soap.....	\$34 88
J. W. Smallcorn, shoeing oxen and horses.....	11 15
Foot & Snell, hardware.....	27 07
Converse & Wood, lumber.....	14 61
E. J. Locke, beef.....	23 15
Nathaniel Horne, beef.....	43 25
T. M. Pray, attorney for State Press, Press for farm.....	35
W. E. Waterhouse and W. H. Smith, wood.....	587 50
J. Herbert Seavey, hardware.....	8 71
J. B. Folsom & Co., paints and oils.....	20 40
Tash & Co., boots and shoes.....	35 30
A. J. Roberts, paints and glass.....	21 23
William H. Vickery, medicine.....	38 65
Libbey & Scales, Dover Enquirer.....	1 50
G. S. Swain, beef.....	17 78
Nute & Foss, groceries.....	10 30
Somersworth Machine Company, piping, etc.....	54 98
E. S. Smart, butter.....	16 34
S. Wolf & Co., clothing.....	59 77
J. Frank Seavey & Co., clothing.....	276 25
J. W. Hartford, assignee of G. H. Biddle, mdse	2 60
J. A. Clough & Son, grain and grinding.....	138 69
John P. Lowell, groceries.....	22 64
E. J. Lane & Co, water closet paper.....	38 88
William Sterns & Co., dry goods.....	26 41
Walter T. Perkins, labor and piping.....	43 15
Moulton & Cate, tin ware.....	97 56
W. H. Moore, dry goods.....	46 72
Charles S. Kingman, spoons and castors.....	19 20
W. A. Morrill, glass ware.....	26 91
S. Wolf & Co., overcoats.....	26 25
C. McLaughlin & Co., groceries.....	43 30
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	40 25
E. G. & E. Wallace, leather.....	11 17

Briggs & Shattuck, groceries.....	\$149 71
Lothrops, Farnham & Co., clothing.....	12 00
Coleman & Cushing, groceries.....	136 98
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	166 50
G. H. Swain, cows and beef.....	82 00
Stephen Toppan, beef.....	50 03
Allen E. Haley, hen manure.....	6 75
John Grimes, labor at insane asylum.....	10 00
G. H. Swain, beef.....	18 06
C. D. Locke, yoke of steers.....	75 00
R. W. Foss, beef cow.....	38 00
“ “ beef.....	32 69
G. W. Springfield, beef cow.....	40 00
Joseph E. Berry, butter.....	18 36
Hyde & Southworth, groceries.....	26 67
J. Herbert Seavey, hardware.....	58 41
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	74 74
J. Hayes, clams.....	7 00
Eben Capen, drawing wood.....	19 80
Stephen & Charles Ereeman, chopping wood....	41 27
Frank Willey, “ “.....	13 32
E. S. Smart, butter.....	6 48
S. A. Seavey, hardware.....	12 85
T. W. Chesley, beef.....	26 64
M. Bates & Co., dry goods.....	24 88
John B. Hull, shoeing horses.....	29 86
W. E. Waterhouse, butter.....	5 00
J. S. Abbott, cutting ice.....	20 00
George E. Varney, medicine.....	36 94
D. A. Page, boots and shoes.....	7 75
Boston & Maine railroad, freight.....	13 08
W. M. Courser, groceries.....	37 78
B. F. Rackley, medicine.....	10 82
John H. Griffin, groceries.....	21 15
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	686 13

H. A. Redfield, insurance almshouse.....	\$75 00
George B. Prescott, " "	75 00
Frank Clark, beef.....	11 62
G. B. Haley, grain.....	114 07
Joseph Pinkham, repairing sewing machine.....	1 60
Emerson & Galligan, paints.....	20 95
M. S. Ayer & Co., groceries.....	123 82
W. D. Knapp, insurance almshouse & contents.	30 00
A. S. Parshley, " " "	45 00
Crawford & Tolles " " "	120 00
E. V. Brewster & Co., boots and shoes.....	78 58
George W. Tash & Co., groceries.....	3 69
Dana R. Berry, butter.....	3 50
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	179 74
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery.....	9 93
Richard W. Foss, beef.....	34 72
Morey & Smith, crockery.....	53 66
M. Bates & Co., dry goods.....	29 21
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	44 97
Frank Freeman, insurance buildings at farm....	83 75
M. S. Ayer & Co., groceries.....	53 19
D. H. Wendell, insurance buildings at farm.....	45 00
Charles W. Wiggin & Son, furniture & bedding..	58 55
Lothrop, Farnham & Co, clothing.....	30 70
J. A. Clough & Son, grain.....	144 34
Boston & Maine railroad, freight.....	11 65
Beede & Shaw, windows and lumber.....	11 90
Ira B. Hill, cows.....	135 00
Haskell & Adams, groceries.....	11 13
Hodsdon Brothers, stove castings.....	3 30
J. W. Smallcorn, blacksmith work.....	10 87
E. G. & E. Wallace, leather and boots.....	7 53
E. S. Smart, butter.....	6 60
M. D. Hill & Co., registers for asylum.....	15 40
" " tinware for farm.....	28 77

D. Foss & Son, lumber.....	\$59 80
S. F. Page, labor.....	4 00
County Commissioners pay roll for farm.....	136 64
D. H. Wendell, insurance farm buildings.....	11 25
George P. Demeritt, taxes on farm.....	332 31
H. A. Redfield, insurance on farm buildings.....	15 00
“ “ “ “ “	3 00
D. H. Wendell, “ “ “	25 00
H. A. Redfield, “ “ “	30 00
Robert Gero and mother, labor at asylum.....	25 00
Drs. Smith & Chamberlain, services as County physicians.....	81 25
Drs. Smith & Chamberlain, services as County physicians.....	81 25
Total.....	<u>\$16,952 56</u>

COURT EXPENSES.

J. H. Worcester, services as referee, Dennis vs. Sawyer	13 60
John Greenfield, services as sheriff.....	25 00
Hiram A. Hayes, services as referee, Graves et als vs Nason, administrator.....	10 00
Belknap Society, use of bell.....	5 00
John Greenfield, services as sheriff.....	100 00
“ “ court expenses September term, 1883.....	195 44
W. M. Durgin, printing.....	3 50
James W. Emery, services as referee, Kaulback vs. Kaulback et als.....	35 00
George S. Frost, services as referee, Courser vs Butterfield.....	10 00

George E. Beacham, $\frac{1}{2}$ fines in liquor cases due	
C. E. Brown.....	\$75 00
C. H. Trickey & Co., coal for Court room.....	84 85
C. C. Hamilton, charcoal for court room.....	4 50
Somersworth, costs in criminal cases against police of Somersworth.....	130 97
A. S. Parshley, $\frac{1}{2}$ fines in liquor cases, September term, 1883.....	80 00
H. D. Freeman, refreshments for jury & prisoners	33 00
John Greenfield, services as sheriff, February term, 1884.....	100 00
John Greenfield, court expenses, February term, 1884.....	352 58
George E. Durgin, services as referee in Palmer vs Gorman.....	7 00
W. E. Waterhouse, services as referee in E. R. R. vs Dover.....	10 00
M. D. Hill & Co., iron pipe and funnel for court room.....	6 33
M. D. Hill & Co., coal hod for Clerk of Court's office.....	2 15
Fred Morrison, charcoal for court room and clerk's office.....	3 00
Thomas I. Greene, repairing lounge in clerk's office.....	3 00
Thoms I Greene, furniture for court room.....	18 00

PAY ROLL.

John Greenfield, fees and services in sundry State cases, September, 1883, and February, 1884,	111 40
Grand Jury, September term, 1883, in full.....	128 04
“ “ February term, 1884, in full.....	145 04
Special Grand Jury, February term, 1884, in full.	57 96

Petit Jury, September term, 1883, in part.....	\$ 604 80
Petit Jury, February term, 1884, in full.....	1,170 93
State vs John and George Bradford, Jr., September term, 1883, in part.....	8 74
State vs George W. Caverly, in part.....	19 38
James O'Neil.....	15 66
“ “ in full.....	21 33
John Goddard, in part.....	18 55
Charles Lebrecque, in full.....	20 23
Samuel Brown, in part.....	13 79
“ “ in full.....	40 65
Thomas J. Downs and G. Bradford, Jr.....	74 15
John W. Gibbs.....	26 49
A. G. Haley, in part.....	19 13
Martin Burns.....	16 08
Dora Moody.....	14 13
Owen Rogers.....	13 72
Thomas Hughes, in full.....	13 69
Mark B. and Rachel Roberts.....	19 04
Oscar L. Merry.....	26 39
J. Thorne Dodge.....	22 16
L. D. Gray.....	18 94
Michael Conlen.....	15 49
John H. Nutter.....	19 18
“ “ “	18 94
George E. Hubbard.....	18 94
Thomas D. Locke.....	18 94
“ “ “ in part.....	17 44
J. Frank Hoyt, in full.....	24 30
J. Thorne Dodge.....	20 91
H. L. Beecher.....	24 30
John Schlenker.....	17 71
James Sullivan.....	11 81
Henry Chellis.....	19 71
T. M. Wentworth.....	18 94

State v. Fred Guilmet.....	\$18 94
Isadore Malonzo.....	20 85
“ “	19 17
Alexander Noel.....	21 85
John Walsh.....	20 17
Frank Clough.....	23 97
Patrick McFadden.....	21 85
“ “	19 17
James Glidden, in part.....	23 31
Aug. Cummings, in full.....	4 74
Lothrop & Colbath, in full.....	67 38
John E. Downing, September term, 1882	1 11
George Bradford, Jr., February term,	
1884, in part.....	17 66
Brennan, Morgan & Braden:	55 44
William Gillespie.....	20 66
Premier Boudoir.....	98 21
Theodore King, in full.....	390 61
“ “	28 60
E. R. Marvin, in part.....	12 41
Orrin Seward, in part.....	14 92
“ “ in full.....	26 90
“ “ in part.....	33 68
Harley D. Sanborn, in full.....	10 81
William Wiggins, in part.....	35 48
Albert Gordette, in full.....	19 58
“ “	13 94
Martin Gillespie.....	12 86
John W. Grant.....	13 94
“ “	12 09
A. G. Lord.....	14 88
T. D. Locke.....	13 94
“ “	22 28
John Lyons.....	13 94
Patrick O'Connell.....	15 79

State v. Patrick Rowan.....	\$16 73
James E. Smith.....	7 40
Harley D. Sanborn.....	16 14
“ “	19 34
“ “	18 20
Jacob H. Twombly.....	12 81
Charles H. Warren, in part.....	19 24
John Walsh in full.....	14 66
George L. Wentworth.....	8 13
H. H. Hart.....	7 62
Desire Boudoir, in part.....	25 34
Frank Kershaw, in full.....	34 40
Total.....	\$5,556 09

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mary E. Wentworth, board of Sallie Hawkes....	13 71
John I. Huckins, aid furnished Daniel Berry, from February 23 to July 13, 1883.....	20 00
State Industrial School, support and instruction of Frank Bell, April 1 to June 30, 1883.....	19 50
Town of Milton, board at State Industrial School of Rufus A. Horne and Lewis Wentworth..	86 35
Mary E. Wentworth, board of Sallie Hawkes...	11 43
Town of Madbury, for support of paupers... .	83 00
City of Dover “ “	2,643 77
Town of Somersworth, “ “	1,072 99
Rochester, “ “	756 73
Lee, “ “	64 05
Strafford, “ “	781 98
Durham, “ “	261 27

Town of Madbury, for support of paupers.....	\$197 30
Rollinsford, " "	105 35
Milton, " "	282 07
New Durham, " "	268 61
Barrington, " "	301 90
Farmington, " "	530 15
Mary E. Wentworth, board of Sallie Hawkes....	9 00
" " " " "	9 00
Joshua B. Smith, board and clothing of W. K. Chesley, October 1 to December 5, 1883...	28 13
Mary E. Wentworth, board of Sallie Hawkes....	4 00
W. F. O'Neil, support of Jemima Cole.....	36 64
Mary E. Wentworth, board of Sallie Hawkes....	9 00
" " " " "	4 00
State Industrial School, support of paupers.....	66 64
" " " " "	60 85
" " " " "	61 71
Total.....	<u>\$7,789 13</u>

JAIL EXPENSES.

Charles R. Meserve, board of prisoners.....	\$711 18
" " jail supplies.....	7 50
Dover Aqueduct, water for jail.....	12 00
George A. Reynolds, shoes for prisoners.....	1 00
Norway Plains Company, blankets.....	27 71
E. V. Brewster & Co., boots and shoes.....	5 80
C. H. Trickey & Co., coal.....	98 18
James M. Bunker, straw.....	2 00
B. Frank Nealley, dry goods.....	15 81
Converse & Wood, lumber and lime.....	2 92
J. V. & D. E. Hanson, iron and labor.....	6 10

J. B. Folsom & Co., glass.....	\$ 4 58
Norway Plains Company, blankets.....	44 35
Joseph Mann, water for jail house.....	12 00
Charles R. Meserve, supplies for jail.....	19 32
“ “ turnkey for jail.....	50 00
“ “ board of prisoners to March 1, 1884.....	1,037 50
“ “ supplies for jail.....	13 25
John C. Pray, labor at jail.....	10 30
M. D. Hill & Co., tin ware for jail.....	26 00
	\$2,107 50

NEW INSANE ASYLUM.

Charles E. Joy, plans for Asylum.....	\$35 00
County Commissioners, for labor, new Asylum...	163 37
George Corson, shingles.....	70 00
Granite State Brick Company, bricks.....	22 29
County Commissioners, labor on Asylum.....	286 25
J. H. Meserve, lumber.....	76 10
Beede & Shaw, lumber and labor.....	350 46
G. W. Anderson, lumber.....	264 05
R. Trefethen & Co., pipe.....	2 45
D. Foss & Son, lumber.....	244 28
Emerson & Galligan, paints and oils.....	40 85
C. L. Jenness, hardware.....	30 43
Dover Foundry and Machine Works, iron work..	61 48
County Commissioners, labor.....	166 62
Foot & Snell, hardware.....	36 81
Converse & Wood, lumber.....	107 08
J. Herbert Seavey, hardware.....	45 15

Somersworth Machine Company, radiators.....	\$122 75
A. J. Roberts, paints and oils.....	16 95
Walter T. Perkins, labor.....	237 38
County Commissioners, labor.....	94 49
F. E. Wallace & Co., hardware.....	14 04
Total.....	<u>\$2,488 28</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

F. S. Tompkins, re-indexing 4 vols. records.....	80 00
George Lyman, service and expenses equalization of taxes... ..	165 55
S. A. Seavey, service and expenses equalization of taxes.....	196 50
C. Littlefield, service and expenses equalization of taxes.....	198 05
John T. Welch, cleaning Probate office.....	2 05
Libbey & Scales, printing treasurer's report.....	30 00
“ “ “ for Register of Deeds..	15 00
Harry Hough, salary, stationery and postage.....	159 00
George S. Frost, services as auditor.....	10 00
Geo. J. Foster & Co., printing Treasurer's report.	30 00
Wm. R. Burleigh, salary as Solicitor to July 1, 1883	175 00
Freeman N. Davis, cleaning Commissioners' office	3 75
Joshua Varney, postage.....	11 85
F. S. Tompkins, indexing 1 vol. records and clean- ing Register of Deeds office.....	18 00
F. S. Tompkins, Indexing 3 vols. records.....	60 00
T. Carroll Hovey, stationery for Probate office...	14 59
“ “ “ for Register of Deeds	10 00

T. Carroll Hovey, stationery for Comm'rs office...	\$8 80
“ “ “ “ “ ...	1 50
Corson & Palmer, repairs Probate office	2 00
Chris. H. Wells, printing for Probate office.....	9 45
F. Baptist printing establishment, printing County reports.....	70 00
J. H. Warner, printing Commissioner's order book	15 50
Dover Gas Light Company, gas for County offices	46 25
T. J. W. Pray, services as Coroner.....	17 00
John I. Huckins, service as Commissioner.....	154 10
Ralph Hough, “ “	176 67
W. E. Waterhouse “ “	138 25
Charles Hayes, repairs County buildings.....	4 10
Frank S. Tompkins, Indexing records.....	80 00
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery for Commissioners' office	5 15
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery for Probate office..	3 34
Burnham Hanson, services as consulting engineer on steam apparatus.....	25 00
George Lyman, services as Commissioner.....	92 95
James W. Hartford, services self and team going to Durham.....	3 00
Samuel A. Seavey, services as Commissioner....	116 50
Chris. H. Wells, printing for Probate office.....	6 00
T. Carroll Hovey, stationery for Comm'rs office..	2 35
“ “ “ Register of Probate.	11 60
“ “ “ “ of Deeds..	12 50
Joshua Varney, postage, Commissioners office...	6 10
“ “ “ Probate office.....	5 00
Charles S. Cartland, salary to January 1, 1884...	100 00
F. S. Tompkins, indexing records.....	15 00
I. W. Beard, services as chaplain at farm.....	25 00
Cyrus Littlefield, services and expenses as Commissioner.....	89 05
John T. Welch, car fare to Boston and return...	4 00

W. R. Burleigh, services to January 1, 1884.....	\$175 00
Joshua Varney, postage for Commissioners office.	8 ¹ / ₂ 32
“ “ “ Probate office.....	6 00
Libbey & Co., printing for Commissioners.....	9 25
Libbey & Scales, “ Register of Probate..	8 00
Chris. H. Wells, “ “ Deeds....	8 00
“ “ “ “ “ Probate...	15 50
F. N. Davis, cleaning Commissioners' office.....	2 35
F. S. Tompkins, indexing records.....	80 00
Walter T. Perkins, labor County offices.....	47 73
Moulton & Cate, stove and grate for Probate of- fice.....	3 75
W. A. Morrill, pitcher and duster for Probate of- fice.....	2 50
F. N. Davis, cleaning Probate office.....	2 25
Charles H. Horton, binding Probate records.....	5 00
Dover Gas Light Company, gas for County offices	64 25
Joseph Bedell, painting for “ “	20 00
T. J. W. Pray, services as Coroner.....	13 50
Ralph Hough, service and expenses as Commis- sioner.....	458 00
John I. Hucksins, service and expenses as Commis- sioner.....	262 10
George F. King & Merrill, stationery for Register of Deeds.....	21 00
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery for Commissioners' office.....	13 05
T. C. Hovey, stationery for Register of Probate..	3 00
C. W. Folsom, printing blanks.....	2 00
C. W. Wiggin & Son, waste-paper basket for Commissioners.....	1 25
B. D. Stewart, repairs and lumber for Register of Deeds and Register of Probate office.....	30 75
M. D. Hill & Co., marble bowl for Register of Probate.....	2 00

M. D. Hill & Co., labor, etc., for Register of Deeds	\$3 80
J. W. Drake, services as Coroner.....	5 00
Portsmouth & Dover railroad, amount received by County for land damages to jail lot from State Treasurer, now returned to railroad with in- terest, County's claim for damages having been previously paid in full.....	1,024 00
	\$4,722 85

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts.....	\$78,347 69
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EXPENDITURES.

Bonds redeemed.....	600 00
Notes paid.....	4,700 00
Interest paid.....	4,725 24
County Farm expense.....	16,952 56
Court.....	5,556 09
County paupers.....	7,789 13
Jail.....	2,107 50
New Asylum.....	2,488 28
Miscellaneous.....	4,722 85
Balance in Treasury, May 1. 1884.....	28,706 04
	\$78,347 69

STATEMENT OF COUNTY DEBT.

BONDS OUTSTANDING—6 PER CENT.

Due December 1, 1891..... \$25,000 00

4 PER CENT.

1886.....	5,000 00
1887.....	10,000 00
1888.....	10,000 00
1889.....	10,000 00
1890.....	10,000 00
1891.....	10,000 00
1892.....	10,000 00
1893.....	10,000 00

\$100,000 00

Notes outstanding, 5 per cent..... 600 00

\$100,600 00

Less cash in Treasury..... 28,706 04

Indebtedness of County, May 1, 1884..... 71,893 96

“ “ April 30, 1883..... 84,102 85

Decrease of debt..... \$12,208 89

We the undersigned, Commissioners of Strafford County, and Auditors, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of Charles S. Cartland, County Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

RALPH HOUGH,	}	<i>County Commissioners.</i>
JOHN I. HUCKINS,		
WM. E. WATERHOUSE,		

PETER BURKE,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
CHARLES M. DORR,		

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY :

I was chosen Chaplain at the County Farm in September, 1883. Of the wisdom shown by the Commissioners in appointing a Chaplain for the County Farm I have no doubt. The inmates at the farm ought to have some kind of religious service at least once a week. What is everybody's business is nobody's, and unless there is some especial officer whose business and whose interest it is to look after this matter, it will not be done, or if done, it will be done in a very desultory and unsatisfactory manner. Experience at the farm in times past illustrates the truth of this assertion. Besides the public religious services, there is much good to be done in a pastoral way by calling upon the inmates in their rooms, and particularly the sick in the Hospital. These privileges are open to the poor while they are members of the community. Why should they be debarred from them when removed to our County Farm? In addition to these duties the Chaplain might very well add that of acting as a Superintending Committee over the day school, helping and encouraging teacher and scholars. I think that every right minded person in the community will acknowledge that it is a good thing to have a County Chaplain. Whether it is a wise choice in selecting the present incumbent, it is not for me to say.

Since my appointment as Chaplain I have visited the Farm eighteen times. I have preached and officiated at the public services on Sundays seven times ; there have been services at

the Farm on every Sunday since September, except five—making in all 29 services. For these services we are indebted to the ready and cordial assistance of the various ministers of the Gospel in Dover, Rochester, Durham and Great Falls. I will say of these services that there is no congregation to whom I preach who show a more hearty interest in the service, or a more grateful appreciation of the efforts to teach and instruct them, than do the inmates at the Farm. When there is no Sunday service they are bitterly disappointed.

There is a Sunday School maintained every Sunday, for which I take no credit to myself, which was instituted by Mrs. Wentworth, and is carried on by her, and her assistants. I have visited this school, and have been very much interested in it. It is doing great good, and is sustained with much interest by both Superintendent and pupils.

I have visited the day school now and again. The County are to be congratulated in the possession of so earnest, capable, and interested a teacher as they possess in Miss Minnie Meserve. She has succeeded in bringing order and discipline out of chaos and disorder, in endearing and attracting the scholars to herself, in quelling the refractory, and in establishing and maintaining a good school. The school has given two very interesting and creditable exhibitions since Miss Meserve has been the teacher.

New Year's day was a bright day in the Calendar for the inmates of the Farm. A club of nine young girls, between the ages of sixteen and thirteen, had been engaged for months beforehand arranging a Christmas Tree for the Farm. So on this day they were present with their gifts of various kinds—oranges and delicacies for the sick and the aged, and it was a happy time to all concerned.

In the time that I have been in and out among the people at the Farm, I have heard no word of complaint from any of the inmates. They seem contented and happy; they have plenty of good food to eat; they have warm, neat, and com-

fortable rooms in which to sleep ; and those who are disposed to behave themselves with propriety, receive kind and gentle treatment. All this is very much to the credit of the Superintendent and his wife, who are certainly very devoted to their work.

I have only one criticism to make, which, as it comes legitimately within my especial duties, may not be considered impertinent in me to make. The burying place for the dead is an entirely improper one, and its existence is a reproach to the County. It goes by the name of "The Sheep Pasture," is situated on a barren clay hillock, surrounded by a rude wire fence ; the graves are marked by no green sod, by no stone, or board, or name or number, nothing but old sticks or shingles. I would suggest that a different site be chosen ; that the graves be removed ; that it be surrounded by a neat fence, and that marble slabs be erected over the graves, with a name or number upon them. Such a neat burying ground, which the inmates might visit with pleasure and ornament with flowers—as they chose—would do much to make them better contented with their lot, and would have a refining influence upon them.

ITHAMAR W. BEARD, *Chaplain.*

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Gentlemen:—Viewing the year retrospectively from the official standpoint of County Physicians, very little has transpired foreign to the usual routine of professional duties, to which it seems necessary to direct your attention in this our second annual report. The very favorable hygienic surroundings of the main house, alluded to last year, still continue, while the probabilities of unfavorable effects from atmospheric changes have been materially lessened. The preservation of health, or the prevention of disease, depends upon the fulfilment of certain conditions, only a few of which we will enumerate. First, nutrition must be perfect, and we find the inmates well supplied with a nourishing and sufficient dietary, as has always been the case, at least, ever since we have had any knowledge of this Institution and its management. Then an equable temperature is essential to the continuance of a healthy state, and this has been more nearly attained by some needed changes in the heating apparatus, and the addition of double windows to the most exposed parts of the building. As regards ventilation, drainage, and water supply, we can only repeat last year's statement to the effect that they fulfil every requirement in reference to their favorable hygienic influences. Indeed, there can be no better summary of the foregoing than what appears in the last report of the State Board of Health concerning this building, viz: "The entire sanitary conditions seem to be far above the average of such institutions, and in many respects it is a model."

Respecting the proper care of the more unfortunate class of paupers, the insane, the changes which have been made by the erection of a new wing to the Asylum, supplying eighteen additional rooms, have greatly increased the facilities of that part of the Institution, now furnishing ample accommodation for the occupants of this department. At the same time additional ventilation has been provided, also a safer means of exit in case of fire, and means instituted for flushing the water-closets, all of which can but contribute to the health and comfort of the inmates.

About the usual proportion of chronic cases have existed through the year, requiring our continuous care and attention, while the number of acute and serious affections has been comparatively small; no epidemic, excepting a few cases of measles, prevailing at any time.

We have to report seven cases of confinement which have occurred during the year, in two of which the children were still-born, two other children from lack of sufficient development surviving only a few days.

There have been only nine deaths since last May, this being the smallest number reported any year since 1868. We herewith subjoin a tabulated statement of the same.

Name.	Age.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.
Addie Simons	30	April 26, '83	May 4, '83	Brain lesion.
Mary O'Neil	60	May 28, '83	June 7, '83	Valvular disease of heart.
Maud E. Ham	24 d	b. May 15, '83	June 9, '83	Marasmus.
John McKenzie	65	Jan. 1, '83	June 17, '83	Myocarditis.
George S. Carter	52	May 18, '83	July 2, '83	Heart disease.
Josephine Holbrook	25	Jan'y 30, '83	Dec. 31, '83	Syphilis.
Mary A. Boucher	44 d	b. Mar. 8, '84	Mar. 12, '84	Atelectasis.
William Partridge	76	March, '79	Apr. 3, '84	Cardiac thrombosis.
Mary Lane	28	June 23, '83	Apr. 13, '84	Phthisis pulmonalis.

Seven of the above were adults, six being seriously ill when admitted, and two dying within one month of their admission. The greatest age attained by any of the deceased was seventy-six years, while one was only four days old at the time of death.

The average age we find to be thirty-seven years. No death has occurred during the year among the insane, which, taking into consideration their number and condition, seems a little remarkable.

We hardly think it would be just to close our report without acknowledging the substantial aid in the discharge of our duties, which we have continued to receive from Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, the Superintendent and Matron of this Institution. They have always evinced a readiness and willingness to assist us in many ways, thereby materially lessening our cares, and saving us much valuable time ; all of which we fully appreciate. Neither would we forget the numerous favors and oft repeated assistance which we have received from you as Commissioners since your administration commenced. Many things occurring in our relations with each other have tended to relieve the monotony of routine work, and make tasks light, which otherwise would have proven burdensome.

A. NOEL SMITH, M. D.

D. T. P. CHAMBERLIN, M. D.

Dover, N. H., May 1, 1884.

REPORT OF CLERK.

SUPREME COURT.

STRAFFORD, SS.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1883.

COMMISSIONERS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY :

Gentlemen :—I herewith render to you an account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Supreme Court for said County, from the end of February Term, 1883, to the end of September Term, 1883.

By amount of fines and costs	\$808 20
received for Jury fees	30 00
" dockets	33 00
" entry fees	150 30
" licenses	60 00
	\$1,081 50

I have charged the County as follows :

To cash paid for postage, expressing, telegraphing, stationery, &c., for Court and Clerk's office ..	57 59
To cash paid for Law Term Dockets	5 25
printing, including dockets	55 00
half cost printed cases	4 50
C. H. Horton, for binding, etc....	10 50
Jury fee	5 00
entry fees in State cases	4 80

To recording 160 judgments.....	\$40 00
12 days attendance as Clerk.....	36 00
6 months' salary.....	250 00
paid State Treasurer (licenses).....	60 00
“ County Treasurer.....	552 86
	\$1,081 50

FEBRUARY TERM, 1884.

By amount of fees and costs.....	\$719 04
received for jury fees.....	30 00
“ docket.....	34 00
“ entry fees.....	160 20
“ licenses.....	10 00
	\$953 24

I have charged the County as follows :

To cash paid for postage, expressing, telegraphing, stationery, &c., for Court and Clerk's office,	46 55
To cash paid for December Law Term Dockets, for printing, including dockets.....	5 25
C. H. Horton, binding, &c.....	57 50
half cost of printed cases.....	9 25
To entry fees in State cases.....	3 00
recording 178 judgments.....	4 20
25 days' attendance as Clerk.....	44 50
6 months' salary.....	75 00
paid State Treasurer (license).....	250 00
paid County Treasurer.....	10 00
	447 95
	\$953 24

GEORGE E. DURGIN, *Clerk.*

MAY 1, 1884.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

SEPTEMBER TERM.

Received of the County.....	\$195 44
Paid Chaplain.....	\$2 00
Bringing prisoners from jail.....	2 00
John Greenfield, Sheriff, 12 days' service..	36 00
10 miles travel.....	1 20
John G. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, 12 days' service.....	30 00
18 miles travel.....	2 16
Geo. W. Colbath, Deputy Sheriff, 12 days' service.....	30 00
1 night with Jury.....	3 00
1 mile's travel.....	12
Andrew Wentworth, Deputy Sheriff, two days' service.....	5 00
5 miles travel.....	60
Charles R. Meserve, messenger, 12 days' service.....	30 00
2 days preparing Court room.....	5 00
1 mile's travel.....	12
Committing Charles Lebucque to Reform School.....	10 00
Committing Sam'l Brown to State Prison.	10 00
“ John Goddard, “ “	10 00
“ John N. Gibbs “ “	10 00

Committing Patrick McFadden to Jail....	\$1 12
“ James O’Neil “ ...	1 12
Six copies of mittimus.....	6 00
	———— \$195 44

FEBRUARY TERM.

Received of the County.....	\$352 ⁵ / ₈
Paid Chaplain.....	2 00
Bringing prisoners from Jail.....	2 00
John Greenfield, Sheriff, 24 days’ service.	72 00
“ 10 miles travel...	1 20
John G. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, 22 days’ service.....	55 00
18 miles travel.....	2 16
George W. Colbath, Deputy sheriff, 24 days’ service.....	60 00
1 mile’s travel.....	12
3 nights with Jury.....	7 50
Charles R. Meserve, messenger, 24 days’ service.....	60 00
3 days cleaning Court room.....	6 00
1 mile’s travel.....	12
Jonathan Dustin, Deputy Sheriff, 6 days’ service.....	15 00
10 miles travel.....	1 20
Committing Frank Kershaw to State Prison	10 00
“ Orin Seaward “ “	10 00
“ William Wiggin “ “	10 00
“ Desire Beaudoir “ “	10 00
“ Peter Morgan, to Jail.....	1 12
“ Richard Braden “	1 12
“ Edward Braden “	1 12
“ Wm. Gillespie “	1 12

Committing Ja's E. Smith to jail	1 12
“ Geo. Bradford, Jr. “	1 12
“ Patrick Rowan “	1 12
11 copies of mittimus.....	11 00

ADJOURNED TERM, MARCH 28.

John Greenfield, Sheriff, 1 day.....	3 00
10 miles travel.....	1 20
Geo. W. Colbath, Deputy Sheriff, 1 day..	2 50
1 mile's travel.....	12
Chas. R. Meserve, messenger, 1 day.....	2 50
1 mile's travel.....	12
	— \$352 58

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GREENFIELD,

County Sheriff.

JAILER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1884.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to respectfully submit my fourth annual report as Deputy Jailer for said County. Following is a summary of the various offences for which prisoners were committed to Jail in Dover, the number of prisoners, and their sex:

Whole number of prisoners committed.....	91
Common drunkard.....	1
Simple drunk.....	33
Breaking and entering.....	9
Violation of liquor law.....	9
Assault.....	14
Surrendered by bail.....	2
Larceny.....	7
Obtaining goods under false pretences.....	1
Stealing horse.....	4
Assault and murder.....	2
Cutting the guys of derrick.....	1
Helping prisoner escape.....	1
Adultery.....	1
Attempt to break and enter.....	2
Tramps.....	2

For not recognizing as witness.....	2
Whole number of males.....	88
Whole number of females.....	3
Total number of males and females.....	91
Whole number of prisoners confined in Jail April 30, 1883.....	7
Whole number of prisoners confined in Jail April 30, 1884.....	12

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. MESERVE,

Deputy Jailer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY:

The County Solicitor reports as follows, the number and disposition of criminal cases for the current year, viz :

	Sept. T., '83.	Feb. T., '84.
Cases continued from prior term.....	1	12
Indictments for larceny.....	8	6
" malicious mischief.....	3	0
" breaking and entering.....	2	1
" blackmail.....	1	0
" aggravated assault.....	2	0
" keeping liquor for sale.....	27	20
" selling lottery tickets.....	0	1
" obtaining goods under false pretenses.....	0	2
" assault.....	0	1
" manslaughter.....	0	2
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	44	45

Disposed of as follows :

Respondents sentenced to State Prison....	3	4
" " Reform School..	1	0
" " Jail.....	1	3
Indictments not to be brought forward.....	4	16
Respondents sentenced to fine, \$50 & costs.	19	16
" " " IO "	2	0

	Sept. T., '83.	Feb. T., '84.
Indictments on file.....	1	0
“ nol pros.....	1	0
Respondent died.....	0	1
Cases continued.....	12	5
	44	45
Number of Jury trials.....	2	3
Verdict guilty.....	1	3
“ not guilty.....	0	0
Jury disagreed.....	1	0

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. BURLEIGH,

County Solicitor.

Somersworth, May 1, 1884.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STRAFFORD, SS.

DOVER, N. H., June 10, 1884.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the County Commissioners and County Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1884, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched. We further state that the sums named in the vouchers and payments are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, according to the market value of the articles charged therein, and that said articles have been used for the benefit of the County.

CHARLES M. DORR, } *County*
PETER BURKE, } *Auditors.*

